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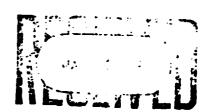
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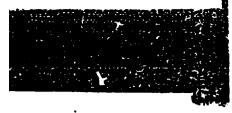
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The toxicity of dioxolane (A-162), di(beta-hydroxyethyl)formol (A-163) and polydioxolane (A-164) was tested by feeding large doses (approximately 1200 mg./Kilo for A-162 and A-163 and 600 mg./Kilo for A-164) to rats. Fifteen doses were given over a period of three weeks.

Two groups of dioxolane-treated animals and one group of di(beta-hydroxyethyl)formol animals failed to gain weight, otherwise there was no abnormality noted in the behavior of the animals, no effect on the blood picture, and no effect on the kidneys as determined by urine examinations.

No gross or micropathology was found in a representative selection of animals on which extensive pathology studies were made.

These preliminary tests indicate that the three compounds are not highly toxic since a failure to gain weight was the only demonstrable result of feeding very large doses of A-162 and A-163 to rats, while half the dosage of A-164 had no influence on the growth rate.

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A-162 Dioxolane A GV

Ten rate were given 0.5 cc. of a 50% aqueous solution of dioxolane for 15 doses over a period of three weeks and asia. from a slight discomfort following each treatment, the animals did not exhibit any untoward signs during the three weeks, except a failure to gain in weight.

An additional five rats were given the same decage of dioxolane for 15 treatments. This group failed to show a normal gain in weight. No anemia developed as a result of these treatments and urine examinations made frequently failed to detect any abnormality of kidney function. No significant gross or microscopic pathology was found in the lange, stomach, liver or kidneys of these animals.

A-163 D1(Beta-Hydroxyethyl)Formol

Ten rats were given 0.5 cc. of a 50% aqueous solution of dioxolane for 15 doses over a period of three weeks. These animals showed no adverse affects of the treatment except a failure to gain weight properly.

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An additional five rats received 15 similar doses for a period of three weeks. This group gained weight satisfactorily and showed no evidence of damage to the blood or kidneys. No gross or microscopic pathology was found when the animals were sacrificed.

A-164 Polydioxolane A 6/4

Ten rats were given 0.5 cc. of a 25% aqueous so'ution of polydioxolane for 15 treatments over a period of three weeks. These animals gained weight satisfactorily and behaved normally in other respects. No gross pathology was noted at autopsy.

An additional five rats were given the same dosage of polydioxolane for 15 doses. These gained weight satisfactorily and showed no evidence that the blood or kidney function had been affected by the polydioxolane. No gross or microscopic pathology was found when these animals were sacrificed.

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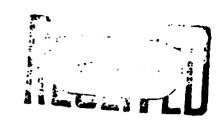
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MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECT NO. TOXICITY OF 1.3-DIOXOLANE



I. INTRODUCTION

when toxicity of 1,3-dicknolane was investigated briefly under Medical Research Project MR-95 in 1941. At that time, fifteen rats were treated fifteen times over a three-week period with 0.5 ml. of a 50% aqueous solution of 1,3-dicknolane by stomach tube. The rats showed no weight loss, or gross evidence of ill effects. Red blood cell counts and urine analyses carried out on five of the rats showed no abnormal variation. The rats were sacrificed for post mortem examination, which revealed no gross or micropathology of the lungs, atomach, liver, or kidneys. Two rats were given 0.5 ml. of undiluted 1,3-dicknolane by stomach tube daily for four days. When killed six hours after the fourth treatment, they showed congestion and hemorrhage of the stomach.

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dioxolane required additional toxicity information. It was, therefore, decided to supplement the above experiments with the investigations detailed in this report.

II. SCOPE OF THE EXPERIMENTS

The experiments ma; be divided into three categories:

(1) a further investigation of the oral toxicity; (2) an investigation of the effect of liquid 1,3-dioxolane on the skin and eyes; and (3) an investigation of the effects of chronic exposure to vapor concentrations of the order of 100 p.p.m.

The sample of 1,3-dioxolane used throughout the experiments described in this report was supplied by

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III. EXPERIMENTAL

1. Oral Toxicity

a. Acute: Six rats were given single doses of 1,3 dicrolane by stomach tube. The dosage schedule was as follows:

Rat No.	Dose	Result	
10894 10902 10895 10911 10910 10905	8060 mg/kg 5380 mg/kg 3580 mg/kg 2390 mg/kg 1590 mg/kg 1060 mg/kg	Died Survived Survived Survived Survived	

Rats 10903 and 10910 showed no ill effects. Rats 10911, 10895, and 10902 shoved signs of disconfort. with 10902 showing weakness in the hind legs, but all recovered within 24 hours. Rat 10894, which received 8060 mg per kg of body weight, exhibited increasing signs of veakness, lost consciousness, and died within 30 hours. Autopsy of this rat revealed slight congestion of the lungs, and congestion of the stomach. Microscopic examination showed the congestion of the stomach to be confined to the glandular portion. The surviving rats when killed also showed pale thickened mucosa and excessive mucous secretion in the stomach, which was in most cases edematous, infiltrated with lymphocytes and ecsinophiles, as well as focally eroded. The approximate MPD was, therefore, found to be 8060 mg/kg.

b. Chronic: Six rats were each given 1600 mg per kg of 1,3 dioxolene daily by stomach tube, five days a week, for a total of ten treatments. Thus, each rat receive

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a total accumulated dose of 16,000 mg/kg, or approximately twice the MFD. Two rate lost weight, but the remaining four showed a slight gain. The rate showed no ill effects and were finally killed ten days after the tenth treatment. Neither gross nor microscopic examination of the tissues revealed any pathology.

2. Skin Contact

Undiluted 1,3 dioxolane was applied three times within 20 hours to a 2 sq cm area on the upper part of the back of ten guines pigs. Ho irritation occurred.

2 ml/kg (2.1 gm/kg) were rubbed into a 25 sq cm area of the shawed skin of the back of the neck and shoulders of six rebbits eight times in a period of eleven days.

A total accumulated dose of 16,800 mg/kg was, therefore, applied to the skin. The results were as follows:

Treat. No.	Result
1	Skin was slightly red in 6 rabbits.
2	Skin was red in 6 rebbits.
3	Skin was thick and brown with marked erythems and inflammation (with exudate on one). One rabbit died. Cause was not clear.
4-8	Skin had scabs and was cracked and sore.
Days Recovery	
12	Sores were almost healed.
16	Three rebbits showed irregular, thickened, gray area of skin - were killed.
19	Two rebbits showed thickened skin but little sign of injury - were killed.

Gress and microscopic examination of the tissues of three rabbits killed on the sixteenth day of recovery period indicated that the corigm of the skin was thickened, relatively avascular, and covered by a thin layer of dried fibrin and pus. The spleen, liver, and kidney showed no pathology.

3. Effect on the Eye

One drop of undiluted 1,3 diexolane was put in the right eye of five rebbits. One half hour later there was a slight roughening of the corner and congestion of the conjunctival vessels in all rabbits, with edems of the lids in one. The eyes of three rabbits were normal within two days, but those of the other two continued to show signs of irritation until killed six days later.

4. Inhalation Toxicity

a. Procedure

Four dogs were observed over a period of six weeks prior to exposure to 1,3 diaxolane. Hormal values for blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, body temperature, hematology, and blood and urine chamistry were established for each dog during this control period. The dogs were then exposed to concentrations of 1,3 diaxolane, ranging from 62 to 156 p.p.m. and averaging 112 p.p.m. for 14 weeks. The exposure took place in a 10 oubic meter chamber for six hours a day, five days a wee':.

The concentration of 1,3 dioxolane in the gas chamber was measured by taking samples three times

during each exposure period and analysing them by a method developed by . a and described in the appendix to this report. The average of the three analyses was considered to be the average concentration throughout the six-hour exposure.

Blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, and body temperature measurements were made before and after each exposure. Blood and urine samples were taken at two-week intervals for microscopic examination and chemical analysis.

After sixty-eight exposures to 1,3 dioxolene vepor, the treatment was discontinued for three vecks before the dogs were sacrificed for pathological exemination.

b. Results

(1) Circulatory Effects: Quality control charts

vere constructed for systolic pressure, diastolic

pressure, and pulse pressure (Figures 1, 2, 3,

and 4). Normal values for each dog were calculated from measurements made during the preexposure observation period. From these measurements statistical limits of normal variation in

blood pressure were calculated, and lines were

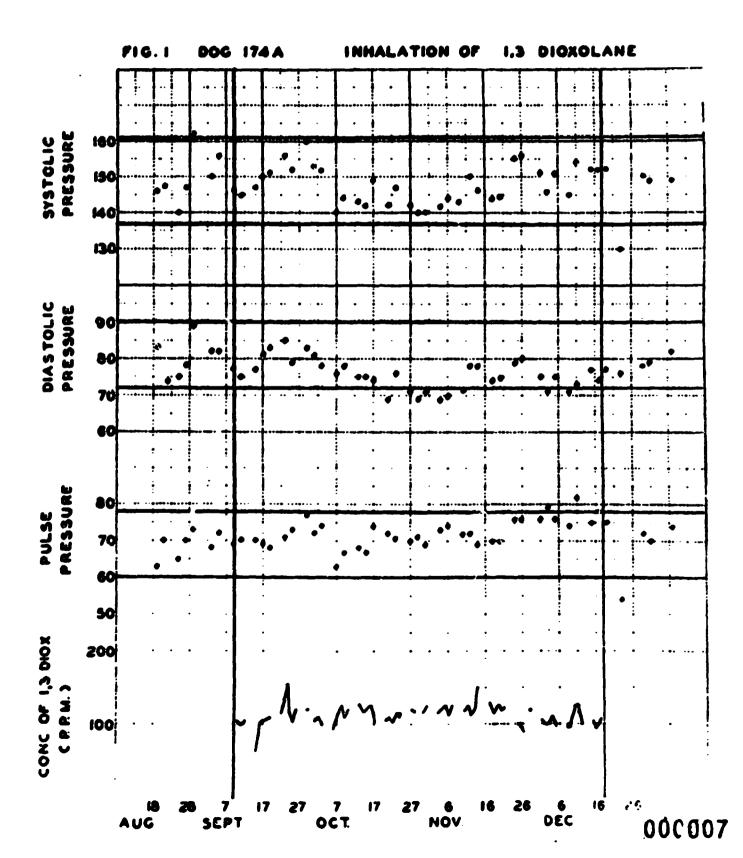
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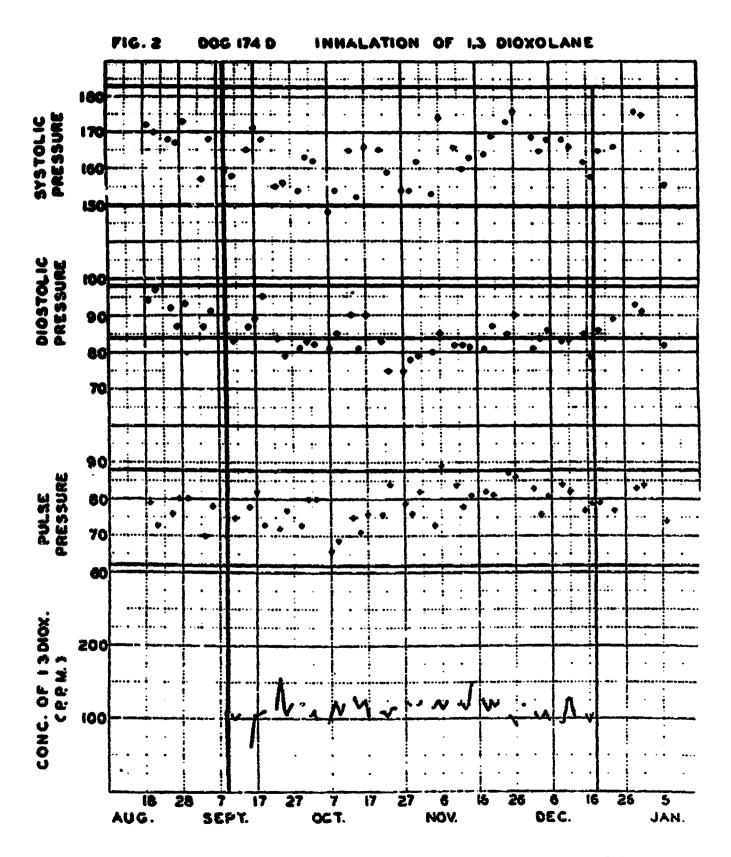
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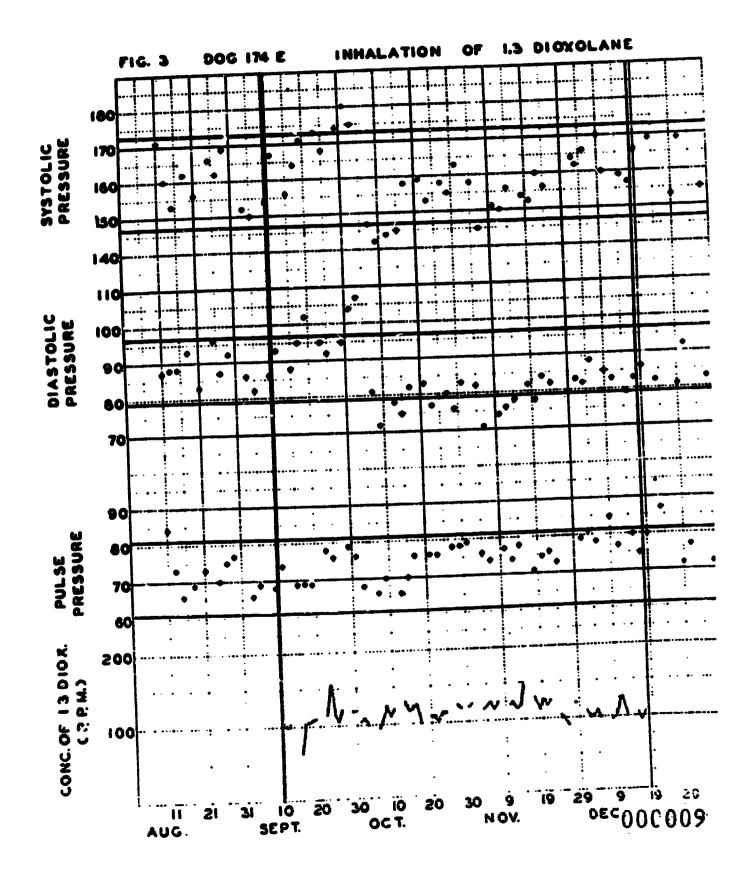
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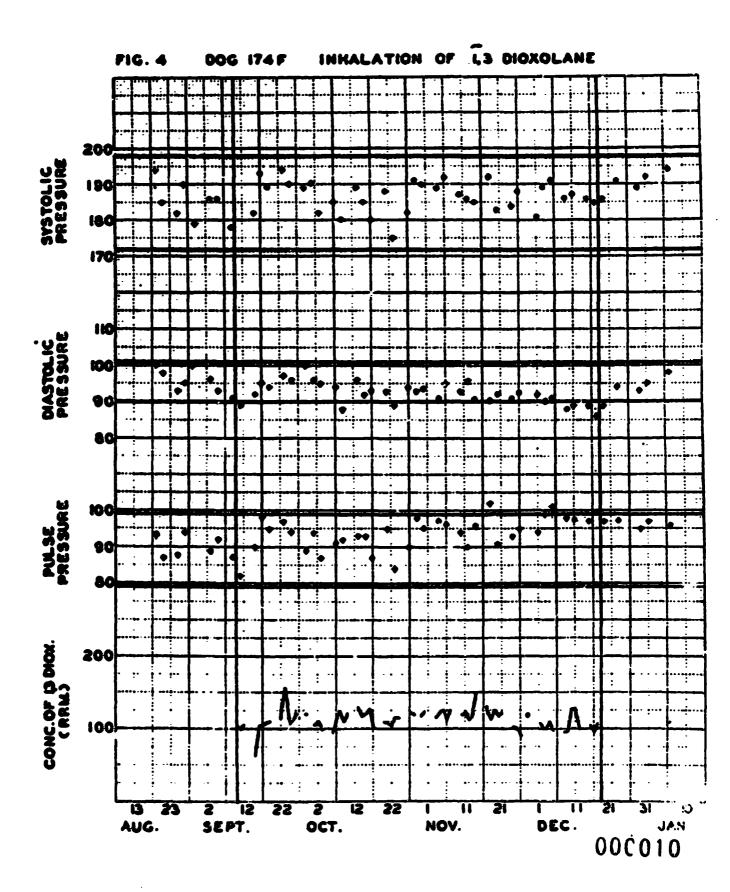
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ensum in Figures 1 to 4 represents the everage of four consecutive blood pressure measurements. This fact was taken into account in calculating the values of the limit lines on the control charts.

The systolic pressure remained fairly steady throughout exposure for three of the four dogs. Dog I shoved a rise in the second week and a subsequent drop in the fifth week. The disstolic pressures of all the dogs showed a tendency to fall. This drop became statistically significant for Dog A in the sixth week of exposure, for Dog D in the second week, for Dog B in the fifth week, and for Dog P in the thirteenth week. The sharp drop in systolic and diastolic pressures of Dog E occurred during a period when the dog shoved a rise in body temperature. It is, therefore, probable that Dog B was also suffering from the results of an infection. The puls pressures of all dogs showed a steady trenu upward, becoming statistically significant only in the last two weeks of exposure.

After the dogs were removed from exposure, the systolic pressure remained normal, and the disstolic and pulse pressures of all the dogs returned to within normal limits within two 000011 weeks.

- respiration rate were not observed throughout exposure.
- (2) Effect on Body Temperature: There were no significant changes in the body temperature of Dogs A, D, and F. The temperature of Dog E was 1 to 2 degrees above normal between the second and the fifth weeks of exposure. This rice was believed to be caused by an infection.
- (3) Notabolio Effects:
 - (a) Weight: Two of the dogs (D and P) retained essentially the same weight throughout exposure. The other dogs (A and B) gained 2 and 3 lbs. respectively.
 - (b) Blood Sugar: Blood sugar values were determined on fasting dogs and normal values were obtained throughout the exposure and recovery periods. No sugar was found in the urine.
- (4) Hematological Effects: There was no significant variation in the number or morphology of the erythrocytes or leukocytes.
- (5) Pathology: The dogs were electrocuted and autopsies performed. Microscopic examinations were made of the heart, lungs, spleen, pancross, liver, kidney, and adrenal. No pathology was found which could be attributed to 1,3 dioxolanc.

IV. DISCUSSION

When given by mouth, 1,3 dioxolane was relatively non-toxic for rate, nor was it possible to denonstrate systemic toxic effects by the daily application of 2 ml/kg of 1,3 dioxolane to the skin of rabbits, five days a week, for a total of ten applications.

Severe-local irritation of the skin resulted from the repeated application of 1,3 dioxolane to rebbits. This was followed by marked thickening and hardening of the skin at the site of application. A similar reaction occurs after the repeated application of gasoline to rabbit skin, and is, therefore, probably due to defatting and drying of the skin, rather than to a specific chemical effect.

It is apparent, therefore, that the local effect of 1,3 dioxolane on the skin is not unique. But since 1,3 dioxolane is capable of liberating formaldehyde on hydrolysis and some individuals are sensitive to formaldehyde in extremely low concentration (1:8,000,000), occasional sensitisation dermatitis may be encountered. In view of the fact that 1,3 dioxolane is a local skin irritant, it is not surprising that it also produces irritation of the eye.

 to six weeks of exposure, and after thirteen weeks of exposure for the fourth dog, and a slow rise of pulse pressure which became statistically significant after thirteen to fourteen weeks of exposure.

These direulatory changes were not associated with any demonstrable pathology at autopsy. On the other hand, similar circulatory changes did not occur in other dogs not exposed to 1,3 dioxolars, which were under observation at the same time. We therefore associate the observed circulatory effects with the inhalation of 1,3 dioxolans. Such effects, while non-specific, have in other instances preceded the occurrence of organ pathology and are, therefore, taken as an indication of beginning toxic action. The ultimate affects of continued exposure cannot, of course, be predicted on the basis of the earliest effects.

Some guidance in interpreting the possible toxicity of 1,3 dioxolene by inhalation may be obtained from a consideration of trichlorethylene. Exposure of dogs in the

approximately 200 p.p.m. caused a prompt rise in pulse pressure and a slow fall in diastolic pressure (NR-54 report). On the basis of human experience, the generally accepted maximum allowable concentration for trichlorethylene is usually set at 200 p.p.m. There is no implication that 1,3 diexolane and trichlorethylene produce the same or simies low as or lower than 100 p.p.m.

To be on the safe side, it is suggester that 1,3 diaxolane should not be used or recommended for use at the present time in applications where good ventilation cannot be obtained. It is also suggested that company employees working with 1,3 diaxolane should be subjected to periodic medical emmination, including standard blood pressure measurement, so that accurate information on the effect of 1,3 diaxolane on human beings can be accumulated. If any physiological abnormalities attributed to exposure to 1,3 diaxolane are uncovered, an attempt should be made to correlate them with the type of exposure as well as its severity and duration.

V. NEDICAL SUPERVISION OF WORKERS

Because of its potential ability to affect the circulatory system, certain precautions should be taken in areas where workers may be exposed to 1,3 dioxolans. It is reconsended that workers who show any signs of pre-existent circulatory abnormality should not be assigned to an area involving exposure. It would be advisable to have a medical examination, including standard blood pressure measurements, on all exposed workers at monthly intervals. The blood pressure values should be recorded on control chart

in order that abnormalities can be readily detected. Any person showing an abnormal disatolic pressure, pulse pressure, or disatolic pressure; pulse pressure score should be re-examined within one week, and if the abnormality has persisted, an investigation should be made into its

cause. If it appears likely that the abnormality has resulted from exposure to 1,3 diezolane, the worker should be temporarily removed from exposure until he has completely recovered, and at the same time an effort should be made to reduce his future occupational exposure.

Derestitis from skin contact with 1,3 dioxolane should be avoidable by recommending scrupulous washing of the skin with scap and water as soon as possible after contact.

Contaminated elothing and shoes should not be worn again until thoroughly decontaminated. The possibility that some workers will show a sensitization dermatitis to the small amounts of formaldehyde liberated by hydrolysis of 1,3 dioxolane must be born in mind. Such individuals would probably have to be completely removed from exposure.

We believe it is worth emphasizing that good medical records on workers exposed to 1,3 dioxolane will provide an invaluable extension to the toxicity data which we have obtained by animal experimentation.

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The minimum fatal dose of 1,3 dioxolane for rats was found to be 8060 mg/kg of body weight when the compound was given orally. The principal effect of large single oral doses of 1,3 dioxolane appears to be a congested and thickened mucose of the stomach. Chronic treatment consisting of ten doses of 1600 mg/kg each did not produce any detectable pathology.

Inhalation of air containing an average of 112 p.p.m.

end ranging from 62 to 156 p.p.m. for six hours a day, five days a week, over a period of three and one-half months, esused in four dogs a statistically significent fall in diastolic pressure and a more delayed rise in pulse pressure. Significant changes in pulse rate, respiration rate, and body temperature, as well as metabolic, hematologic, and pathologic changes, could not be detected.

Rubbing 2.1 gm/kg cf 1,3 dioxolane into the skin of rabbits over a 25 sq cm area eight times over a period of eleven days caused acute erythems, inflammation, cracking, and thickening of the skin, but no injury to the organs through absorption of the compound. Instillation of onderop of 1,3 dioxolane in the rabbit eye caused marked irritation and conjunctivitis which persisted from two to six days.

APPENDIX

<u>Petermination of the</u> <u>Concentration of 1,7 Dioxolane in Air</u>

Collection of Sample: A 10 to 15 liter sample of air containing 1,3 Dioxolane is drawn from the chamber at a rate of approximately 0.5 liters per minute through three bubblers connected in series and each containing 25 ml of ice cold distilled water. The bubblers are kept cool by immersion in an ice bath.

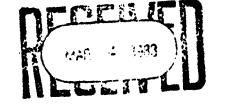
Method: 1.0 ml of the sample containing 1,5 dioxolene is added to 10 ml of H₂SO₄ reagent (4 parts H₂SO₄ to 1 part H₂O) and mixed well. 0.4 ml of 4% alcoholic & Maphthel is then

added with further mixing. The mixture is heated in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes and cooled. A yellow color
with greenish fluorescence develops in the presence of
1,3 diexolans. The test solution is read in the Coleman
Spectrophotometer at 420 mpl against a blank containing 10 ml
sulfuric acid reagent, 1 ml water, and 0.4 ml \(\beta\)- naphthol
reagent. The concentration in the sample is calculated by
comparison with a standard curve made from the analysis of
known amounts of 1,3 diexolans.

³ Spectrographic analysis shows an absorption maximum at about 480 mp, but because of practical considerations, 420 mp was found to be more satisfactory for routine determinations.

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Strains TA 1535 and TA 100 are used to detect base-pair substitution mutations, whereas strains TA 1537, TA 1538 and Strains TA 1535 and TA 100 are used to detect base-pair substitution mutations, whereas strains TA 1537, TA 1538 and TA 98 are used to detect frame-shift wistions.

The tests were performed in the presence and absence of a rat-liver homogenate activation system (S.G). In the compound and approximately 108 bacteria were added to The tests were performed in the presence and absence of a rat-liver homogenate activation system (S·G). In the call of a solution of the test compound and approximately 108 bacteria were added to the control of the solution was mixed and nourad on the absence of metabolic activation, 0.1 ml of a solution of the test compound and approximately 100 bacteria were added to surface of a havis minimal agar plate. The metabolic activation system involved the addition of 0.5 ml of 3.9 mixture 2 ml of top agar (0.6% agar, 0.6% NaCl, 0.05 mM L-histidine, 0.05 mM biotin). The solution was mixed and poured on the solution. The metabolic activation system involved the addition of 0.5 ml of s.9 mix contains per ml: 0.3 ml of the 9.000 x z supernatant of homogenized ray surface of a Davis minimal agar plate. The metabolic activation system involved the addition of 0.5 ml of s.9 mixture to the chemical-top agar solution. The 8.9 mix contains per ml: 0.3 ml of the 9,000 X g supernatant of homogenized rate mm MADP and 100 mm sodium phosphate (pH 7.4). This mixture

to the chemical-top agar solution. The 8.9 mix contains per ml: 0.3 ml of the 9,000 X g supernatant of homogenized record directly to the top agar immediately before it was poured over the minimal agar plate. This mixture

Prior to testing for mutagenicity, the compound was tested for toxicity to the tester strains.

Appropriate controls were included for each strain. In the nonactivated system these controls consisted of a control, and positive controls. A second negative control (-s.g control) is included in the act: Appropriate controls were included for each strain. In the nonactivated system these controls consisted of a saw to measure any activity of the compound in the absence of the s.9 activator mixture. Fesults: Tables I and II.

Summary: 1,3-Dioxolane was tested in Salmonella typhimurium strains TA 1535, TA 1537, TA 1538, TA 98 and TA 100 in contentrations up to 10,000 µg per petri plate. The compound was not mutagenic in the microbial assays either in the presence or absence of a liver microsomal system i.e., it did not significantly increase the spontaneous mutation frequency.

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MUTAGENIC ACTIVITY OF 1,3-DIOXOLANE IN SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM STRAINS
TA 1535, TA 1537, TA 1538, TA 98 AND TA 100 WITH METABOLIC ACTIVATION

		His	Histidine + Revertants Per Plate**					
Compound	Compound Added		TA 1537	TA 1538	TA 98	TA 100		
Distilled H ₂ O		14	12	20	39	115		
		6	7	11	23	114		
1,3-Dioxolane µg/	/Flate	•						
2000	m ·	9	9	21	47	117		
14000	11	14	16	19	33	112		
6000	••	16	11	17	35	117		
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2AA = 2-Aminoanthracene, positive control.

* = Test plate without S.9 activators.

** = Average of two plates.

TABLE II

MUTAGENIC ACTIVITY OF 1,3-DIOXOLANE IN SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM STRAINS
TA 1535, TA 1537, TA 1538, TA 98 AND TA 100 WITHOUT METABOLIC ACTIVATION

		Histidine + Revertants Per Plate*				
Compound	Compound Added		TA 1537	TA 1538	TA 98	TA 100
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4000	11	11	8	7	22	100
6000	11	12	12	7	29	108
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9AAc 50 "			1123			
2NF 25 "				1047	1418	

MNNG = N-Methyl-N'-Nitro-N-Nitrosoguanidine, positive control.

9AAc = 9-Aminoacridine, positive control.

2MF = 2-Nitrofluorene, positive control.

* = Average of two plates.

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